

"The President of the United States has asked me as commanding officer of the American Expeditionary Forces to convey to the people of North Africa the message that Americans are striving not only for their safe future, but also for the restoration of the ideals, the liberties and the democracy of all who have lived under the tricolor . . . We come among you with the assurance that we will leave just as soon as the menace of Germany and Italy is removed from you." — Lieut-Gen'l D. D. EISENHOWER.



For those who will not be *Mentally Marooned*

WORLD WEEK

Realists have not been too popular in this war to date. And certainly we have not relished the role it has been our lot to play a good portion of the time for the past year or more. It is a relief to be able to say, without qualification, that we have lived thru the most important—and most heartening—week of the war.

Readers will recall we have been saying at intervals for the past several months that the initial allied offensive—commonly termed the “second front”—would almost certainly transpire in or from Africa. This deduction required no prolonged session with the crystal ball. There was no other tenable conclusion. Technically, what we have in Africa is not so much a second front as it is a base for second-front operations. However, with Hitler moving troops into Tunisia, and a report (unconfirmed at this writing) that 40 divisions have been withdrawn from Russia to be billeted in Yugoslavia and Hungary, the immediate and practical relief for our Russian associates cannot be lightly dismissed. A two, three or four-front war for Herr Hitler appears to be in the making.

Let us review briefly the portents of this bold Allied strategy:

We think it appropriate to give first place to the psychological effects of the move. Emphatically, there is renewed confidence in our leadership. The peoples of the United Nations, especially the Russians, must be greatly heartened. There is new hope for the occupied but unconquered nations of Europe. The effect upon the entire Moslem world will be profound. And, conversely, we must substantially have lowered the morale of enemy peoples. For almost the first time in this war, United Nations have taken a concerted step to nullify fifth column activities of the enemy thruout the world.

Turning to the more measurable effects, it is obvious that we have taken the initiative from the enemy. For the first time, Hitler finds himself on the defensive—everywhere, even in Russia. No longer can he follow a prepared plan.

It is too early to forecast our unconditional domination of all Africa. Our armies have yet to meet the enemy in Tunisia. We have pointed out before that Nazi air strength is still a factor to be reckoned with. Should Hitler will to do so, he might yet make Africa the scene of mighty battles. Our judgment at the moment is that he will not make this diversion—now.

If we can take and hold Africa, it will mean an almost incalculable advantage to us as a base for offensive operations against the “soft spots” of Mediterranean Europe. By clearing out every Axis threat in this area, we would greatly shorten our supply lines. (Our ships, as you know, must now go around the Cape of Good Hope, thru the Gulf of Aden into the Red Sea.) With com-

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prophecies . . .

HITLER MOVES: We suggested last week Hitler might soon strike at Gibraltar. He has troops in Spain for that purpose. Move now seems more probable.

Simultaneously, we expect Nazi invasion of Turkey, with control of Dardanelles as objective. This would be desperate effort to control Mediterranean by closing both ends.

If Hitler doesn't do this—quickly—or make dramatic move in Africa, it means he is resigned to long defensive war.

U. S. CABINET Expect several changes about first of year.

ARMED FORCES: Voluntary enlistments in Army will be discontinued, effective very soon.

mand of North African ports, the shipping distance would be little farther than from New York to England.

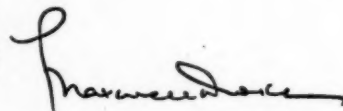
But what will Hitler do—what *can* he do—to offset our strategy? For a discussion of possibilities, see *QUOTE prophecies*.

JAPAN: Yes, there's always Japan. We are in danger—very grave danger—of grossly under-rating our Pacific opponent while Hitler hogs the headlines. We have done so quite consistently for eleven months.

We can expect little authentic information as to the progress Japan is making in converting the looted treasures of conquered areas. It is realistic to assume that her efforts are at least partially successful. Japan now has at her command potential resources greater than our own. And she has, including her own and subjugated peoples, at least 200 million workers. Thus, day by day she comes nearer matching us, strength for strength.

We have several times pointed out that bulk of Japan's land forces are now unemployed. That's bad business for Nippon. Turn of events in Africa, plus weather conditions, make Siberian attack less likely now. Thus we deduce that India is marked for early Japanese conquest.

. . . — Sure, you'll miss that second cup, but remember coffee was once doled out by the ounce.



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"He Who Never Quotes, is Never Quoted"—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"This is not the only diversion we can or shall make to help Russian allies. As our strength, and that of our American allies builds up, other offensives will be started in other areas."
—Sir STAFFORD CRIPPS, former ambassador to Russia, discussing the African campaign.

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"I have no political ambitions whatsoever. If I survive the campaign, I shall return to that retirement from which this great struggle called me."
—Gen'l DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, discussing rumor that he might be a Presidential possibility.

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"During the last year we have lost from the farms over 1,600,000 men, about 60 per cent to war work and 40 per cent to the armed forces. If, in the next year another 1,600,000 should leave, the effect would be so serious that the U S might not be able to supply its allies with sufficient food."
—CLAUDE R. WICKARD, Sec'y of Agriculture.

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"It shouldn't be called a 'victory' tire. I would hate to have America's victory in the war dependent upon these scrap tires. They're not so hot."—A tire manufacturer's comment on the new product fashioned from reclaimed rubber.

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"I consider that the American offensive in Africa cannot be interpreted as an aggression, but is, on the contrary, a first step for the liberation of the French. I have seen during the summer several French people, coming from France, and they told me of the complete confidence of the overwhelming majority of the French people in the United States."
—FRANCOIS BRIERE, resigning as Vichy consul at Boston.

"May we
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you on that?"

"As a retired buck private who enlisted in the last war at the age of 18, I can testify that 10 mos of repetitive drill or inactivity in a training camp is the most demoralizing and deadening experience a young man can have. I think three mos is plenty of basic training."
—Dr. ROBERT M. HUTCHINS, President U of Chicago.

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"Maybe the fate of the world does not depend upon public opinion in Oshkosh, but multiply Main street enough and you have American public opinion, and ultimately world policy. If you can win Main street to a sympathetic understanding . . . you have made a large contribution to the solution of the Jewish problem."
—Dr. MILTON STEINBERG, addressing Zionist Organization of America.

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"A work stoppage in a war industry, now that Congress and the President have furnished the machinery for adjudication of differences, is treason against the United States."
—ROANE WARING, Nat'l Commander, American Legion.

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"President Roosevelt is the author of the American offensive in French Africa."
—WINSTON CHURCHILL.

"You must not talk to Moslem women. Never—under no circumstances. The most innocent word addressed to a Moslem woman is considered an insult bitterly resented by all Moslem men."
—From a book of instructions issued to American Soldiers in the North African campaign.

"If, 20 yrs ago, a man walked down the street with a \$5 gold piece in one hand, and a bottle of whiskey in the other, the whiskey would have brought him a jail sentence.

"Now, if he walks down the street with the same articles, it is the gold piece that gets him in trouble. People, confused, are asking themselves how it got that way."
—KARL L. BOWMAN, psychiatrist.

"The Germans began this trouble and they must take the consequences. They asked for it, and now they will get it. Let no officer or man relax. Let us drive ahead westward, destroying the enemy wherever he is met."
—Gen'l B. L. MONTGOMERY, leader of the British Eighth Army in Africa.

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"We will have tires for everybody when we have the tires, and not before."
—WM. M. JEFFERS, Rubber Administrator.

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"Horosho!"—The Russian equivalent of "swell", heard often on the streets of Moscow this week.

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"The enemy gasps and wavers."
—Gen'l CHAS de GAULLE, leader of the Free French.

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She's Learned a Lot

By RUTH MILLETT

Mrs. Jones has learned a lot in the six months that her husband has been in the army.

She has learned how to stand up for her rights instead of letting herself be walked on and then going to Mr. Jones for sympathy.

She has learned how to make important decisions on her own without hedging with, "I'll have to talk it over with my husband."

She has learned how to put the car in the garage and get the doors closed afterward.

She has learned how to balance a check book.

She has even worked out a system whereby she gets bills paid when they fall due.

She has learned how to mow a lawn—and she may learn how to shovel snow before the winter is over.

She has learned that you can't go on eating "snacks" indefinitely just because you don't have a man to cook for.

After paying the bills herself for awhile, she has learned why Mr. Jones never wanted her to charge any large items without first looking at the family check book.

She has learned how to lock up at night.

She has learned how to manage the kids without the threat, "Do you want me to have to tell your daddy you've been bad children?"

She has learned how to get the most stubborn lids off jars, and to shove big pieces of furniture around.

But the big lesson she has learned is that men really do a lot around the house, even the ones whose wives claim they don't do a thing. — NEA Service.

ARMY—Size

Of what use is Army manpower without adequate industrial and agricultural backing? Of what use is this manpower—no matter how perfectly trained and magnificently equipped—if the seas are impassable and the skies held by the Axis? . . .

Once we escape the obsession of numbers, we shall proceed more intelligently to make American warriors super men by giving them super weapons.—Major ALEXANDER P. DESEVERSKY, "Is Our Army Too Large?", *The American Mercury*, 11-'42.

CHILDREN—in Wartime

After all, the fight for democracy is being waged so our country may be safe for our children. The Children's Bureau is emphasizing the need for counsel and service to mothers who are employed or who intend to go to work. . . Welfare of children should be our first concern during these troubled times.—KATHERINE F. LENROOT, Children's Bureau, U S Dep't of Labor.

CONVICTION—Lack of

It is a curious commentary on human nature that lack of conviction results in loud defense of a weak or questionable viewpoint. I am reminded of the church janitor who found and examined the young minister's sermon notes. Everything was fully written out, even suggestions for gesticulation—make dramatic pause here; lower voice; point index finger and finally, "argument weak here, so wave both arms and shout."—Lewis L. DUNNINGTON, *Handles of Power* (Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$1.50.)

COUNSEL—Conflicting

We know a man who planted a Victory garden in a burst of patriotic fervor. Long before he harvested any vegetables, it was choked with weeds. Those weeds are a symbol of the conflicting advice that pours out of Washington day after day. There will be weeds in more important places than neighborhood Victory gardens if higher-ups don't stop talking "too soon and too much."—Editorial, *American Business*, 10-'42.

FLATTERY

"You know, Larson," said the minister, "flattery falls off me like water off a duck's back."

"That's okay," replied the deacon, "but the ducks like it and always come back for more."—*The Protestant Voice*.



Amelia Earhart—Was Miss Earhart the first victim of the war between United States and Japan? CHARLES PALMER poses three intriguing queries in *Skyways* (11-'42) (1) Was Amelia Earhart's 1937 round-the-world flight financed by the U S Gov't, so she could fly over secrecy-shrouded Japanese-mandated islands in attempt to observe war preparations? Did Japanese espionage discover the scheme—intercept and "liquidate" her? (2) Were Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan forced down in Pacific and picked up by Japanese? Unwittingly they could have observed secret activities and have been "silenced" (3) Did U S Navy, although realizing chances were 1,000 to 1 of ever finding lost flyers, use their disappearance as pretext for searching forbidden areas?

The author examines evidence on these conjectures in an article, "The War's First Casualty?"; cannot, of course, reach definite conclusions.

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" . . . came tumbling after" — War is the father of change. Any change, QUINCY HOWE reminds us can be for good or evil. If we have courage and intelligence not to fear change, we can make this war give us a better America and a better world.

Some changes the author foresees: The war will abolish mass unemployment in America. After the war no American will be allowed to receive more than \$25,000 a year, and every American family will be assured an annual income of at least \$2500. The war will reduce power and income of small business man and unorganized middle class; reduce the power of the farm bloc. The Army will comprise our most powerful pressure group—the source of future leaders. Compulsory military training is here to stay. —("12 Things The War Will do to America", Harper's, 11-'42.)

FOOD—England

England has been storing large quantities of durable foods. Even if the war lasts several years, England, with our assistance, will not be short of food, although there will be a lack of variety.—DAN'L J. TOBIN, v-p, AFofL, recently ret'd from Britain, *American Federationist*, 10-'42.

FORTITUDE

"Dear Lord of Courage and Fortitude, if I must have rheumatism, so help me by Thy divine grace to bear it in such a manner that I do not make every person in the house feel the pain. Give me the grace to refuse to describe over and over again the misery and pangs that belong to me alone. Strengthen in me the desire to get well, that I may not even be tempted to live in the pity and sympathy that is expected to be extended to an invalid. May I remember continually that pains in nerves are multiplied by pains in description. Amen."—*Southern Churchman*.

Churchill on India

The loss of India, however arising, would be final and fatal to us. It could not fail to be part of a process which would reduce us to the scale of a minor power . . . the loss of India would mark and consummate the downfall of the British Empire. — WINSTON CHURCHILL, in *Speeches on India*, published in 1931.

HEARTLESS

She was evidently talking about her boss: "That man hasn't got a heart" she complained. "He lost it in the scrap metal drive."—*Rockefeller Center Magazine*, 11-'42.

HEROISM

In a Canadian military camp a number of soldiers recently volunteered for training as parachute troops—perhaps the most dangerous form of service the army has to offer. As the group entrained, one sergeant remarked to a companion who had come to see them off. "By the way, old man, I've never been able to get up my nerve to tell my wife that I've volunteered. Will you let her know that I've gone?"

The second sergeant delivered the message—by telephone.—*The Printed Word*.

Italian Imperialism

BERYL MARKHAM wears lightly the train of "firsts" which adorn her name. But they were not lightly gained. Adventurous childhood on a farm deep in the lush hinterlands of British East Africa developed a fearless self-sufficiency which served her well on those solitary twenty-one and a half hours of flight across the North Atlantic—the first successful East-West crossing from England to America. But love of horses preceded love of flying, and while yet in her teens Miss Markham became the first woman race-horse trainer in Africa. Planes were unique in that country when this blonde young Englishwoman obtained her license as a mail pilot, again the first of her sex. Her autobiography *West With the Night*, (Houghton Mifflin, \$3), is the fascinating story of an eventful life.

Flying from Kehya to England meant harassing delays at the red-tape bound borders of Italy's newly-conquered territories. Miss Markham accepts them philosophically:

In nineteen-thirty-six you could not fly over any Italian territory without permission from the Italian Government. It is true that you have to clear customs at each international border in any case, but the Italian idea was different.

The Italian idea was based upon the wistful suspicion that no foreigner (certainly no Englishman) could fly over Libya for instance, and successfully resist the temptation to take candid camera shots of the newly contrived Fascist forts. The Italians, under Mussolini, would have been hurt indeed to know that a pilot existed (and many of them did) who had less curiosity about the Fascist forts than about the exact location of a bar of soap and a tub of hot water. The official reasoning seemed to run about like this: "An aviator who shows an interest in our fortresses is guilty of espionage, and one who does not is guilty of disrespect." I think the latter

crime was, of the two, the more repugnant to the legionnaires of the flowing tunic and the gleaming button.

The symbols of war—impressive desert forts, shiny planes, beetle-browed warships—all inspire the sons of Rome, if not to gallantry, then at least to historicisms, which, in the Italian mind, are synonymous anyway. I sometimes think it must be extremely difficult for the Italian people to remain patient in the face of their armies' unwavering record of defeat (they looked so resplendent on parade). But there is little complaint.

The answer must be that the country of Caruso has lived a symbolic life for so long that the token has become indistinguishable from the fact or the deed. If an aria can suffice for a fighting heart, a riband draped on any chest can suffice for a general—and the theory of victory, for victory itself.

ILLITERACY

Today, when we desperately need millions for our armed forces, factories and farms, we discover a legion of ten million adults lost to us for effective service. They are the functionally illiterate—men and women who cannot read newspapers or simple printed directions, or write letters. They are seriously handicapped as soldiers and as workers, not because they are unintelligent, but because they find it exceedingly difficult to understand.—JOHN W. STUDEBAKER, U S Commissioner of Education, in a speech to Nat'l Education Ass'n.

KNOWLEDGE

I know a man who makes it his happy experience each winter to learn something of which he has been ignorant. Last year he determined to read

all of the stories of the Wagnerian operas, which he had heard only over the radio. His enjoyment now has increased ten-fold.—CHAS HANSON TOWNE "How Much Time do You Kill?" *Christian Herald*, 11-'42.

LOVE—Higher Aspects

Everybody expects normal young people to fall in love. They are made that way. . . But the old expression, "falling in love" might better be "rising in love" or "ascending in love."—JAS. C GILBERT, *Pulpit Digest*, 10-'42.

MARRIED LIFE

Before a feller gets married he kin git his girl in most any sort of a shindig with an invitation er a ticket but after th' ceremony it takes a complete new outfit an' \$4 worth of beauty work—TOM TUTTLE, *Jones Syndicate*.

News of the New

ARMY: London medical journals hint that British are testing hypnotic drug for troops—said to abolish fatigue and desire for sleep for 48 hrs, with no harmful after-effect. Germans have been reported using "pep" pills—benzedrine sulfate and a newer drug called pervitin in Germany and methedrine in England. Neither has proved very satisfactory.

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AVIATION: Wrinkles and dents in airplane wings obstruct free flow of air. Problem now solved by heating aluminum skin and riveting it in place while hot. On cooling, metal contracts and is stretched perfectly smooth. Heating is accomplished by over-size electric heating pad, laid over the skin, keeping temperature constant while riveting is done. Developed in Glenn Martin plant.

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DISCOVERY: From Oregon comes report scientists of Pacific U have discovered a new flea—*Thrassia rockwoodi*. *Dog World*, please copy.

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ERSATZ: From China comes word that synthetic rubber and gasoline are being developed from tung oil. And China has plenty of that!

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PROCESSES: For a thousand years, or more, there has been no significant change in method of forming glass. Now comes "foaming" process, developed by Pittsburgh-Corning. Ordinary glass is mixed with pure carbon and heated. Glass softens, carbon turns into gas which "raises" the glass in action similar to yeast. Finished product floats like cork; can be used for lifeboats, life-preservers, etc.

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SURGERY: Brain is insensitive to pain, even though it receives pain sensations from other parts of body. This knowledge, plus courage of convictions, enables two Washington surgeons to cut deeply into brain, relieving severe mental disturbances and producing miraculous recoveries. Technique originated in Portugal; fully described in new book, "Psychosurgery" by Watts & Freeman (Thomas, Springfield, Ill.)

Interesting new malady, "Wringer-Arm" symbol of home mechanization, was discussed at International Medical Assembly, Milwaukee, last week. Exhibit showed 50 cases wash-wringer injury, outlined methods of treatment.

LABOR—Satisfaction

The ultimate measure of any person's joy in work is not how much income it produces, but whether it makes sense.—DOROTHY THOMPSON, addressing Volunteer Land Corps.

LEISURE

What a person does with his leisure time will determine what he will do with his job.—CALVIN T. RYAN, "Wanted: Good Health," *Hygiea*, 11-'42.

The Cats of England

The cats know when a bomb's about to fall.

They calmly walk to shelter, where they wait

Until the all-clear sounds, then, still sedate,

Walk back through ruins to ruined places

Which once were homes . . . Through the sights

And sounds that stop the heart the household cat

Steps daintily, amid the newly torn Timbers. Alone she waits, serene and still

For her old home to be again re-born;

The god of catdom has told her that it will.

—MARY CAROLYN DAVIES, in *Voices*.

OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

A group of German officers were admiring the famous Viking ship at the Bygd Outdoor Museum near Oslo, in Norway.

"So you like our old Viking ship, do you?" a small boy asked.

"Yes, it is magnificent," came the answer, "Wunderbar."

"Well, we used to take England every spring with such boats."—*Scholastic* 11-2-'42.

PATRIOTISM—Practical

We know a man who has a most unusual dessert for lunch six days of the week.—

A flick of the mullage off the back of a ten-cent Defense Stamp.

"It costs what my regular dessert costs," he explains, "and while the flavor could be improved, it suits me. I lick a stamp, a Jap, and my growing waistline all in one easy, simple motion."—*The Key Man*, Beate Quota Fraternity.



Inside word from Washington is that Expediter is on way out (For acct of Expediter's duties see *AMERICAN SCENE*, pg 7). Henceforth, suppliers are to have no discretion in handling orders of equal priority. Must fill in exact rotation, unless otherwise instructed by WPB. There's feeling some firms, more persistent or more enterprising than others, have been unduly favored.

OPA announces that, with nat'l gas rationing, no salesman will receive extra allotments. At present, in East, some salesmen classed necessary to war effort have C cards . . . Now, it's the WOW's—Women Ordnance Workers . . . Several State Medical ass'ns are planning legislation for compulsory immunization against smallpox, diphtheria, typhoid of all school children and employes in primary defense industries. Fear consequences of epidemic with doctor shortage.

Boys of Future Farmers Ass'n have just voted on Hawaii's Star Farmer. Their selection: a Japanese lad . . .

In setting Nov 1 deadline for mailing overseas Christmas packages, Post Office dep't allowed margin of wk or more for chronic postponers. Even so, some officials estimate that quarter of the pkgs will be mailed too late to insure Holiday delivery . . . In Hollywood, the new phrase is, "What's freezing?" . . . London stores display pink panties with small American flags embroidered on them.

There's something in nature of a minor rift brewing between Pres Roosevelt and Federal Council of Churches. Chief Executive is soon to designate a Day of Prayer for the nation. The Council asked him to select Jan 1, but rumor has it he will set aside Dec 7, anniversary of Pearl Harbor attack.

War has its minor compensations. We hear now that stocks of pink nail polish are rapidly diminishing.

Ultimate in realism: a scout reports observing girl whose painted stockings had crooked seams.

RATIONING

Rationing, in a democracy, cannot, should not and must not be merely a matter of orders from Washington. Of course the gov't cannot escape the responsibility of organizing.

Of vital importance, however, is the co-operation of respectable, law-abiding and patriotic citizens. Women, especially, will have crucial role. They must make it clear that it is not smart to "beat the law"; that profiteers and hoarders have no place in decent society when the nation is fighting for life; that a higher morality is expected of everyone when thousands of young men make the supreme sacrifice.—JOHN E. HAMM, Deputy Administrator, OPA, "Rationing for Victory," General Federation Clubwoman.



National morale is high when people put the war first without any hesitation, when sectional interests vanish, when people are eager to serve the war effort in any capacity, when the government need no longer either bully or cajole its citizen into making the necessary sacrifices—when, indeed, those no longer seem like sacrifices.

—J. B. PRIESTLEY.

SCHOOLS—in Wartime

Schools must continue to be centers of learning, but they must also be centers of community service. Schools must be the company headquarters of the home front.—PAUL V. McNUTT, Manpower Commissioner.

SPEECH—Speaking

A certain man has an aptitude for after-dinner speaking. His wife was asked which of his speeches she preferred. Without hesitation she replied:

"The best after-dinner speech I ever heard him make was this: 'Dear, I'll help you with the dishes.'"—*Rays of Sunshine.*

American Scene

Expediting at Work

Following is a striking example of how one salesman for Cadillac Motor Co turned his talent to problem of expediting war production. His experience is typical of manner in which thousands of other salesmen are working for Victory.

TUESDAY, DETROIT

11:50 A. M.

Assignment: Get 25 pcs part C-105774 (machined forgings) to factory by Saturday from Company "Y", Waukesha, Wis. Forgings from company "X" Milwaukee.

1:16 P. M. On Plane to Chicago.

2:15 P. M. Arrived Chicago airport. Taxied 13 mi to NW station in 20 min.

4:45 P. M. Company "X" Milwaukee.

Contracted gen mgr, asst gen mgr and purch agt. Sold immediate action. Hammer available — promised to forge 800 pcs same eve. Arranged clear heat-treat oven to take 1st 150. Arranged truck pick up forgings 11 A M for Company "Y". Phoned Company "Y", explained problem. Advised it would take wk to fabricate. Agreed to sleep on problem.

7:30 P. M. Forgings hammered and on way to ovens.

8:00 P. M. Dinner.

WEDNESDAY

8:00 A. M. At forge shop.

Sold organization on picking up warehouse steel to complete run.

10:30 A. M.—Taxied 13 mi to "Y"—took along forging to assist shop men. Discussion. Told I might get a few Sunday. Not good enough. Phoned

home factory. Phoned several heat-treat sources. Engaged two. Took interurban to Milwaukee—contacted ordinance inspector. Checked "Y" on progress of machining—all men to work 24 hrs a day. Progress better than expected.

THURSDAY

Seventy pcs finished 3 hrs ahead of schedule. Rec'd o k on inspection release. Checked truck to Milwaukee R R sta.

FRIDAY

Pieces out of heat-treat 10 hrs ahead of earlier schedule.

8:00 A M Checked "Y" twelve noon (4 hrs to cool). Men started last operation during lunch hr. On truck 4 P M. Rode truck to Milwaukee—arrived 5, checked pieces on express car. Made copy of express bill and noted car no, just in case. Routed shipment via Pa out of Chicago to save transfer time and possible complications. 6:00 P M Took train to Chicago—arrived 7:15 P M

Stayed with shipment until deposited in express car.

Noted car no and requested express co to wire Detroit office to hold first express truckload for this shipment. 8:30 P M Dinner and sleeper to Detroit.

SATURDAY

8:00 A M Arrived Detroit—checked shipment onto express truck direct to factory.

8:30 A M Arrived factory—checked shipment at receiving dep't. Office wants to know if I enjoyed plane trip to Chicago.—*The Advertiser's Digest.*

Recipe of the Year

Take one draftee, slightly green. Stir from bed at early hour. Soak in shower or tub daily. Dress in olive drab. Mix with others of his kind. Toughen with maneuvers. Grate on sergeant's nerves. Add liberal portions of baked beans and corned beef. Season with wind, rain, sun and snow. Sweeten from time to time with chocolate bars. Let smoke occasionally. Bake in 110-degree summer and let cool in below-zero winter. Serves 130,000,000 people.

—*Saturday Evening Post.*

SUCCESS

There isn't much coasting on the road to success. Success isn't in that direction.—*Williams Laboratory Review.*

SPORTS

There is increasing agitation for high schools to drop organized football, basketball, etc., and readjust physical ed program, substituting for practices that help only a small number, well-balanced body-building activities that reach every boy and girl.

GENS FROM Yesteryear

The Patriot

ROBERT BROWNING

Yes, it is an old story. We delight to set our hero upon a pedestal—so that we may better aim our brickbats. Robert Browning was born in Camberwell, England, in 1812; died in Venice, in his seventy-seventh year.

It was roses, roses, all the way,
With myrtle mixed in my path like mad;
The house-roofs seemed to heave and sway,
The church-spires flamed, such flags they had,
A year ago on this very day.

The air broke into a mist with bells,
The old walls rocked with the crowd and cries,
Had I said, "Good folk, mere noise repels—
But give me your sun from yonder skies!"
They had answered, "And afterward, what else?"

Alack, it was I who leaped at the sun
To give it my loving friends to keep!
Naught man could do, have I left undone:
And you see my harvest, what I reap
This very day, now a year is run.

There's nobody on the house-tops now—
Just a palsied few at the windows set;
For the best of the sight, is, all allow,
At the Shambles' Gate—or, better yet,
By the very scaffold's foot, I trow.

I go in the rain, and, more than needs,
A rope cuts both my wrists behind;
And I think, by the feel, my forehead bleeds,
For they fling, whoever has a mind,
Stones at me for my year's misdeeds.

Thus I entered, and thus I go!
In triumphs, people have dropped down dead.
"Paid by the world, what dost thou owe
Me?"—God might question; now, instead,
Tis God shall repay; I am safer so.

Good Stories YOU CAN USE...

A young ensign in town for a brief spree was taken by a devoted aunt to a luncheon at a tea shoppe which includes palmistry with the 75-cent special. The gypsy lady took the aunt first, and foresaw the conventional dark man and journey across water. Then she seized the reluctant ensign's hand and peered into his future. "My" she breathed, "A very good fortune! Before the war is over you will be promoted to a sergeant."—*The New Yorker*.

"I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE"

HALLETT ABEND

Foreign Correspondent, Author

In Los Angeles, in 1924, a new movie company, which we'll call Stern Brothers, completed three two-reel comedies, and asked the motion picture reviewers to a preview. The first reel began like this:

Producer, Stern Brothers.

Director, Isidore Stern.

Author, Jacob Stern.

Costumes, Rebecca Stern.

Photography, Benjamin Stern—etc., etc.

The audience began to roar, when the senior of the Stern Brothers arose in mighty wrath, called "Cut!" and "Lights up!" Then shaking his fists wildly, he shouted:

"Stern Brothers comedies iss nodt to be laughed at!"

Two small boys were travelling from town to school by train. They hoped to secure an empty compartment so that they could smoke. To their disgust, a woman entered. The boys immediately entered into tacit conspiracy to freeze her out.

One said, audibly: "I think I'm sickening for small pox or something."

"Yes," said the other, playing up gallantly, "and I'm perfectly sure I've got scarlet fever coming on."

The woman extracted a cigarette case from her handbag and, looking at the boys said: "Have either of you young lepers got a match?"—*Zoutpansberg Review*, South Africa.

President Benjamin Harrison appointed many of his relatives to various government offices. One day a westerner, with a cowboy hat, breezed into the office of his secretary, threw his hat on the floor, and inquired, "Where's Ben?"

"You will have to wait a couple of hours," the secretary replied, "as he is engaged with the Committee on Foreign Relations."

"Great gosh!" the Westerner exclaimed. "Has he got foreign relations, too?"

And with that he picked up his 10-gallon hat and departed, never to return.—*Townsend Nat'l Weekly*.

WISECRACKS of the Week

A woman can be mighty sweet when she wants.—*Phoenix Flame*.

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Pedestrian: Rubber shortage on legs.—*Air Wardens' Gazette*.

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The greatest water power known to man is a woman's tears.—*EARL RINEY, Church Management*.

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There's an off season for nearly all flowers—except blooming idiots. *Watchword*.

Sergeants always talk out of the side of their mouths and look tough, but underneath it all they have a heart of gold . . . all the meals are beans and potatoes, day in and day out, but nobody minds . . . you really don't have to get up at reveille if you don't want to . . . a timely wisecrack will always keep you off fatigue duty . . . Officers always consult Rookies on intricate military problems . . . aviators always stick gum on the side of their plane before a take-off . . . and, whenever you're short of money, your buddies are always good for a ten buck touch . . . —in the movies!—*Mather Field Wing Tips*.

